

**Department of Transportation
Project No. 81-91
Replacement of Bridge No. 02719
Route 147 over Lyman Meadow Brook
Middlefield**

**Wednesday, March 26, 2014
Middlefield Community Center
405 Main Street
Middlefield, Connecticut**

Minutes

Present:

Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT)

Timothy D. Fields, Dean Cerasoli, Mohammed Bishtawi, Lesgie Ruiz, Derrick Ireland, Mary Baker

Close Jensen and Miller

Ajit S. Gokhale

Zuvic Carr Associates

James Otis, Richard Lyon

Town of Middlefield

The Honorable Jon A. Brayshaw, First Selectman, Resident State Trooper, Volunteer Firefighter,

3 Residents including Mr. John Lyman

Presentation: A Public Information Meeting for State Project No. 81-91, Replacement of Bridge 02719, Route 147 over Lyman Meadow Brook in Middlefield was held at the Community Center in Middlefield CT, on March 26, 2014 at 7:00 pm. Approximately three residents, the Resident State Trooper, volunteer firefighter and the First Selectman attended the meeting. Mary Baker of CTDOT opened the meeting with a brief introduction of the project team. James Otis of Zuvic Carr Associates presented the project to the attendees. He explained the reasons for the replacement of the existing bridge along with the description of the proposed culvert and roadway work. The 7.2 mile state route detour proposed for the replacement of the bridge and its 2 week duration was also presented and explained to the attendees. The project was well received.

Derrick Ireland explained the property acquisition process following the presentation by Zuvic Carr which was followed by a brief question answer period.

Public Comments and Questions: The following questions/concerns were raised and discussed at the meeting.

- The Resident State Trooper expressed concern on the existing sightline issues along Miller Road. He suggested that the 14-day closure of Route 147 occur at the Miller Road intersection east of the bridge due to vertical sightline issues at Miller Road. The design team agreed to review the conditions on Miller Road with respect to the two week closure of Route 147.

- The form liner pattern and the design of the parapet on Bridge 02719 should to be similar to the one on Bridge No. 01398 which is on Route 147 and is under construction under State Project No. 81-88. Zuvic Carr will revise the plans to match the other parapet details of Bridge 01398 including the 32-inch parapet height topped with a pipe railing in lieu of the proposed 42 inch high concrete parapet in the Bridge 02719 30% Design submission. A form liner will be provided on both faces of both parapets in lieu of just the inside face as on Bridge 01398. This was specifically requested by the Town of Middlefield. The form liner on the outer faces of the parapets will be aesthetically pleasing to onlookers using Lyman's golf crossings and facilities.
- One resident complained that his business (farm stand) will be further impacted due to the Route 147 road closure and requested that he be compensated for the loss of revenue. His business has reportedly suffered in the last year or two during the nearby Bridge 01398 project. Mary Baker explained that the road closure is limited to two weeks and added that unfortunately the Department does not compensate for business loss.
- A representative from the town's Fire Department stated that the Fire Department should be notified of the road closure 30 days in advance. He also suggested CTDOT consider extending a fence or guiderail west of the bridge towards Route 157 and expressed concern about the safety record there.
- There was a request from the Resident State Trooper that the existing Route 147 accident data west of the Bridge 02719 project area be reviewed further. He requested that the metal bridge rail be extended or new roadway guiderail be installed most or all the way to Route 157 as there had been many accidents due to the curvature of the road, including fatalities. He was especially concerned with vehicles possibly losing control and going off the road towards the public during activities at the Lyman property. The design team will review this further.
- The First Selectman inquired regarding the construction schedule of Bridge No. 01398. He mentioned that the town's Miller Road Bridge project had been put on hold pending completion of Bridge No. 01398. The District personnel explained that the construction of Bridge No. 01398 will be completed in 2014. Two lanes will be open by the start of the Durham Fair. Stage construction was to begin in April 2014 with in-water work only possible between June 2014 to September 2014. The First Selectman also requested that the paving along Routes 147 and 157 be extended. Mary Baker stated the the paving limits for the bridge replacement project are limited. She will ask CTDOT Maintenance when paving is planned for Routes 147 and 157 and relay the information to the First Selectman.
- A cross walk along Route 147 was brought up briefly. This was in reference to allowing pedestrians to cross Route 147. The location of the cross walk was identified by Mr. John Lyman after the meeting. CTDOT is currently reviewing this matter further.

- There was some discussion regarding usage of the local roads as a detour route through Lyman's Golf course. It is envisioned that the local population may use this route in lieu of the signed state route detour. Mr. Lyman had no major objection to this but stated that this would have to be monitored by the Resident State Trooper and stopped if problematic.

This construction project is funded with State funds at an estimated cost of \$1,250,000. The anticipated construction duration is 4 months. The Roadway closure will occur during a 14-day period during the summer months when school is not in session. Construction is planned for 2015 pending receipt of the environmental permits.

The meeting ended with informal and some informal discussions with various parties present. The meeting concluded at 8:30 p.m.